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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I wish to lodge my concerns with respect to the IPC Review. My comments relate to proposed coal mines, new and expansions.

I am grateful we have a system that allows people to be heard regarding state significant projects and that puts distance between ministers, departments and planning decisions. This is an obviously needed barrier to corruption.

Given state significant projects do not require the usual approval of other agencies or local government approval, water use, pollution control, heritage protection, fire risk and biodiversity, are in the hands of the IPC process. The IPC is now the only protector for these significant social and environmental potential impacts and the Commissioners have approved most coal projects that have come before them.

The Department of Planning and Minister 's criteria are a very narrow definition of economic benefit. The financial cost to health of air pollution, let alone social, is not included in the calculations, nor the overarching cost of climate change, as is playing out in NSW bushfires tragically today.

The IPC also needs to keep its own staff to maintain its independence.

I would like the nomination form category "Direct and immediate interest." to be changed. I find this such a ridiculous and archaic dichotomy. Every person on this planet is being affected by climate change, some to a greater degree than others, at the moment.

Yours sincerely,

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